

The

PLAY TROUPE OF
PORT WASHINGTON

**TEAHOUSE
OF THE
AUGUST
MOON**

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APRIL 29-30, 1960

A Word from the Troupe . . .

Welcome to this, our 103rd production. To our old friends, a hearty "hello again" and to our new friends, a cordial "pleased to meet you."

The Teahouse of the August Moon had its Broadway premiere on October 15th, 1953, at the Martin Beck Theater with David Wayne as the charming Sakini. During its long run the play won both the 1954 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the 1953-54 New York Critics Circle Award for the Best American Play and David Wayne took home the 1953-54 Antoinette Perry Award for the Best Performance. After highly successful national and international tours this enchanting, human comedy came into the realm of the non-professional theater and has become a near classic in the "community circuit."

Among author John Patrick's other Broadway successes, theatergoers will remember *The Willow And I* and *The Hasty Heart*. His screen plays for Hollywood include *Three Coins In The Fountain*, *Love Is A Many Splendored Thing*, *High Society*, and *Les Girls*.

. . . a Word about the Troupe

The Play Troupe of Port Washington, established in 1927, is one of the oldest community theaters in New York State.

What is *community* theater? It has been called "that neighborly ritual of creative expression." Here in Port it is the happy meeting ground of energetic people with a variety of backgrounds. A few of our members have known the professional stage; some have worked the semi-professional "barns"; most just caught the bug; all are amateurs tonight. Like an Olympic athlete, the Play Troupe is very proud of its amateur status. No one—actor, director, designer, technician—receives any remuneration in our productions. We believe that when the experienced member guides the newcomer's first effort, we have achieved *community* theater at its finest.

In that spirit the Troupe cordially welcomes all those who wish to become active in any of the many phases of our work. Those who do not desire to participate may support the Play Troupe by becoming Sponsors.

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presents

A Play by John Patrick

Adapted from the Novel by Vern Sneider



TEAHOUSE OF THE AUGUST MOON

Directed by Paul Nicholson

Designed by Thornton Stearns

CAST *in order of appearance*

SAKINI	Pat Patterson
SERGEANT GREGOVICH	Gael Barr
COL. WAINWRIGHT PURDY III	Ralph Godfrey
CAPTAIN FISBY	Win Firman
OLD WOMAN	Cecile Danski
OLD WOMAN'S DAUGHTER	Florence Wong Carpenter
THE DAUGHTER'S CHILDREN	Dorothy Firman, Barbara Haller, Clifford Marbut, Jr.
LADY ASTOR	Herself
ANCIENT MAN	T. Clifford Marbut
MR. HOKAIDA	Carlton Schroeder
MR. OMURA	T. Clifford Marbut
MR. SUMATA	Charles Garvey
MR. SUMATA'S FATHER	Nick Kfoury
MR. SEIKO	Bill Duvel
MISS HIGA JIGA	Betty Paulding
MR. KEORA	Max Schroeder
MR. OSHIRA	Ray Finlay
VILLAGERS	Michael Anuskiewicz, John Canning, John Dervin, Jack Peach, Frank Ullman
LADIES' LEAGUE FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION	Ruth Morris, Pat Lee, Emily Ullman, Mary Cobb
LOTUS BLOSSOM	Susan Lee
CAPTAIN MCLEAN	Don Ives

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Scene 2: Outside Captain Fisby's Quarters, GHQ.

Scene 3: Tobiki Village.

ACT II

Scene 1: Tobiki Village.

Scene 2: Colonel Purdy's Office, GHQ.

Scene 3: Captain Fisby's Office, Tobiki.

Scene 4: Tobiki Village.

ACT III

Scene 1: The Teahouse of the August Moon.

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SET PAINTING: *Ursula Bostick, Shirley Denning, Jean Johnson, Jean King, Louise Ladue, Jean McLoughlin, Michael Matera, Millie Mucha*

STAGE CREW: *David Cobb, George Lien, Bill Speer*

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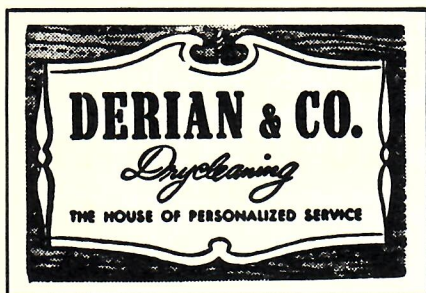
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Who's Who in the Teahouse

Pat Patterson (Sakini), an attorney by profession, is a veteran Play Troupe and well-known to local audiences. He has recently appeared in *Time of the Cuckoo*, *My Three Angels*, and *The Matchmaker* for the Troupe. Looking back on past roles, Pat insists he has played more drunks and derelicts than he cares to remember.

Gael Barr (Gregovich) is Director of Dramatics at the High School. While this is his first appearance with the Play Troupe, he has played with the Little Theater of the Rockies and done leading roles in summer stock productions of *Saint Joan*, *Solid Gold Cadillac*, and *Reclining Years*.

Susan Lee (Lotus Blossom) made her debut with the Troupe last year as Snow White in the Annual Children's Show. After charming four thousand children (and a few adults, too) she turned to serious dramatic study. She has appeared in *The Potting Shed* with the East Broadway Players and is looking forward to another summer with the Midland Community Theater in Texas.

Don Ives (McLean) has worked both sides of the footlights for the Troupe. He was the Faithful Woodsman to *Snow White*, publicity man for *Kind Lady*, lighting designer for the Port Singers' *Mikado*, and has done makeup for several Children's Shows. He was with the Carolina Playmakers before joining the Troupe.

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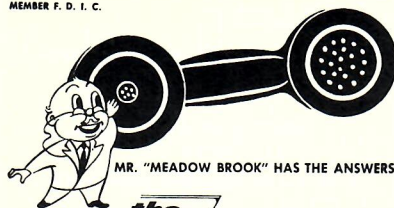
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Who's Who continued

Ralph Godfrey (Purdy) makes his local debut in this role. He admits, as most of us do, to a life-long fascination with the theater, especially since he met his wife, once a professional actress, while visiting backstage at an off-Broadway production. In real life he is an advertising display designer.

Win Firman (Fisby) claims the most authentic casting, having served with the Army on Okinawa. A newcomer to the Troupe, he previously appeared with the Theater Guild of Indianapolis in *Silver Cord*, *Mary of Scotland*, and *Iolanthe* after wetting his dramatic feet at Amherst. Out of grease paint, he is a personnel manager for Sears Roebuck.

Paul Nicholson (director) is as veteran a Play Troupier as they come, having been a member since its inception in 1927. He made his theatrical debut "scared to death" in the Troupe's first production and went on to countless roles before turning to directing. His last show was *Harvey*.

Thornton Stearns (designer) is president of the Play Troupe. He has probably constructed more sets and rigged more stages than any other amateur on Long Island. Almost as frequently as he turns to designing (*Witness for the Prosecution*, *Time of the Cuckoo*, *Visit to a Small Planet*, *Devil's Disciple*) he appears on stage (*Witness for the Prosecution*, *Devil's Disciple*).

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